(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The next launch of GSLV carrying the replacement satellite INSAT-4CR would take place within a year.

Road accidents on National Highways

*169. SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of fatal accidents are taking place on roads besides National Highways costing human lives due to lack of timely medical attention;

(b) the number of such fatal accidents that took place during the last six months, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to save human lives by providing immediate medical treatment to the victims;

(d) whether there is any such infrastructure available in our country to attend to road accident victims like in the foreign countries;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No data is available on fatal accidents on roads leading to loss of human life due to lack of timely medical attention. However, as reported by States/Union Territories (UTs), the State-wise details regarding number of persons killed on National Highways, State Highways, other roads and all roads for the year 2004 (latest available data) are given in the Statement enclosed (See below). The data is collected on an annual basis.

(c) to (f) Provision of assistance in case of road accident is basically the responsibility of the State Governments. This Ministry has been providing ambulances to States/UTs/Non Governmental Organisations to evacuate accident victims to the nearest medical centre under the National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme. During the period from 2000-01 to 2004-05, 266 ambulances had been given to various States under this scheme. In addition, National Highways Authority of India provides an ambulance at an average interval of 50 kms under their Operation and Maintenance Contracts/Build, Operate, Transfer agreements on the completed stretches of National Highways entrusted to them. As on 16.6.2006,81 ambulances have been deployed on National Highways by the National Highways Authority of India.

Apart from the above, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides assistance to the States/UTs under the scheme of 'Assistance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/trauma care facilities in hospitals including those located near the National Highways for the purpose of treatment of victims of accidents.

Statement

Total number of persons killed in road accidents on National Highways, State Highways, other roads and all roads in 2004

Sl.No	States/UTs	National Highways	State Highways	Other Roads	All Roads
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3423	2959	4170	10552
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	67	69	30	166
3.	Assam	870	240	178	1288
4.	Bihar	592	495	704	1791
5	Chhattisgarh	631	585	844	2060
6.	Goa	142	20	144	306
7.	Gujarat	1631	1978	1814	5423
8.	Haryana	1321	1186	910	3417
9.	Himachal Pradesh	280	219	337	836
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	350	158	450	958
11.	Jharkhand	856	545	468	1869
12.	Karnataka	2425	1497	2574	6496
13.	Kerala	1196	445	1418	3059
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1475	1149	2079	4703
15.	Maharashtra	3135	3398	3342	9875
16.	Manipur	53	39	23	115
17.	Meghalya	87	33	15	135
18.	Mizoram	36	11	12	59
19.	Nagaland	36	14	10	60
20.	Orissa	1353	549	552	2454
21.	Punjab	1047	774	759	2580
22.	Rajasthan	2672	896	2909	6477
23.	Sikkim	16	26	9	51
24.	Tamil Nadu	4158	2776	2573	9507
25.	Tripura	77	68	36	181
26.	Uttaranchal	425	291	215	931
27.	Uttar Pradesh	3860	2805	3281	9946
28	West Bengal	2113	1396	1485	4994

SI. No.	States/UTs	National Highways	State Highways	Other Roads	All Roads
29	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	15	15
30	Chandigarh	22	1	126	149
31	Dadra & Haveli	0	0	54	54
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	24	24
33	Delhi	276	304	1327	1907
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
35	Pondicherry	98	0	82	180
	TOTAL (P)	34723	24926	32969	92618

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Manufacture of semi-conductors

*170. SHRI CHITTABRATA MUJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to announce a new policy to start the manufacture of semi-conductors and other high technology I.T. products:

(b) if so, the salient features of this policy: and

(c) the time-frame for announcement of this policy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) to (c) In the Finance Minister's Budget speech, it was stated that a policy would be announced with respect to the manufacture of Semi-conductor and other high technology Information Technology products, including Flat Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)/Organic Light Emitting Display (OLED)/Plasma Panel Displays and Storage Devices, to make India a preferred destination. A final view has yet to be taken regarding the package of incentives. The policy would be finalised and announced shortly

Indian labourers in Malaysia

†*171. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 37 labourers of West Bengal have been held as bonded labourers in Malaysia;

fOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.